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Tourist Guide waylaid, assaulted in wee hours

Made to run around three Police Stations; complaint filed finally at 10.30 pm

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (RK&BCT)- A 61-year-old Tourist Guide was waylaid, robbed, brutally stabbed and assaulted by a gang of four criminals in the wee hours of yesterday. Sadly, the bleeding victim was made to run around three Police Stations to register a complaint. Finally, the case was registered at 10.30 pm for the incident that occurred at 5.30 am.

David

This shocking incident comes even as the Supreme Court has observed that all Police Stations must mandatorily accept a complaint and register a 'Zero FIR' if the incident has occurred beyond the Station jurisdiction and later transfer the case to the jurisdictional Police Station.

The Tourist Guide is David Alexander, a resident of Gandhinagar-Mahadevapura Main Road. He travels to Srirangapatna daily and takes the tourists around the historical places there and comes to Mysuru. He starts his day at 5 am and as per the routine, yesterday too he was waiting for a bus near Good Shepherd Convent that comes under Lashkar Mohalla Police Station.

David's regular bus did not stop yesterday and as he was stranded on the road, a black car approached him. He was quick to note down the registration number that read KA-04-MK-909. Four persons including the driver were seated in the car and one of the passengers enquired where David was going.

He said he was a Tourist Guide and was headed to Srirangapatna. The car passengers told him that they were going towards Srirangapatna and asked him to get inside the vehicle. David obliged and as the vehicle neared Tipu Circle on old Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, the car was stopped.

(See TOURIST on page 8)

Landslide: View Point-Nandi Statue Road closed for traffic

The road between View Point and Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill has been closed for vehicular traffic from this morning as a portion of the Hill caved in yesterday. Vehicles have been asked to take the regular route to reach Chamundeshwari Temple and the alternative route to Nandi Statue. *[See report on page 8]*

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Mysuru, Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Unconcerned about *concerns*

Not many seem to have turned their attention to the issue of population *control* raised by the incumbent Prime Minister in his address on the occasion of this year's Independence Day delivered before the large gathering, including school-bound children by their impressive turnout, on the open space facing the iconic Red Fort in the National Capital Region of Delhi. Unarguably, keeping the unabated annual increment to the nation's headcount, estimated at nearly 15 million, in check ranks at the top of a plethora of concerns riding on the back of, nay bugging, successive Governments. That concern on population control, like the proverbial army uniform fitting every soldier in general but no one in particular, concerns every Indian citizen in general but no adult of reproductive age bracket in particular. Given the feature of all too familiar lack of concern about virtually any concerns both *presented* by the land's alert media and *talked* about among the concerned members of society at large, governing this country is no joke.

American short story writer, William Sydney Porter, better known by his pen name O. Henry (1862-1910) coined the expression *banana republic* in 1901 based on his experiences in the economically exploited Honduras of the late 1800s. In Political Science, the term describes a politically unstable country, much like India following the end of colonial rule and coming under the influence of despots at the helm, barring exceptions.

The Constitution of India, as the script of the country's supreme law, laying down the framework of fundamental political code, structure, procedures, *powers* and *duties* of Government institutions, spelling out fundamental rights embellished with 395 Articles and 12 Schedules, although modified through nearly 120 amendments doesn't seem to explicitly or otherwise state the agenda in the nature of *concerns* that directly or indirectly relate to the well-being of the land's people at large, not to forget the *last citizen*, symbolising the deprived sections of the country's 135-crore headcount, whose number is showing no sign of coming down. The law-making task has been tackled by successive Governments but the track record of Governments implementing the laws and that of the people at large in complying with those laws don't need to be elaborated except remarking that on both counts the scenario is of great *concern*.

To make a long story short, in matters of managing the natural resources, keeping living spaces to avoid illnesses, giving up habits that harm health, discipline in public life (in words, deeds and thoughts), marshalling energy constructively to sustain socio-economic progress of the diaspora and so on, the state of unconcern for concerns is appalling.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

It is inadequately recognised that water is India's most important sector in the infrastructure space. Even less understood is that water is the most unreformed of them all. Absence of reforms could not only jeopardise lives and livelihoods of millions but also seriously undermine India's growth. Ever since Independence, water governance has suffered from hydro-schizophrenia: Where the left hand of drinking water does not know what the right hand of irrigation is doing and the right toe of surface water does not know what the left foot of groundwater is up to! There are countless instances where a source of drinking water has run dry because farmers started using the same aquifer to irrigate water-intensive crops. Rivers are increasingly drying up because of over-exploitation of groundwater, which supplies inflows into the river after the monsoon is over. River flow and quality also suffer because of destruction of catchment areas. And floods have become more frequent because natural drainage lines for excess water are blocked or encroached upon. — *Mihir Shah in Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man speaks from grave at his own funeral

Ireland: Mourners who attended the funeral of a man in Ireland were left in shock when they heard his voice from beyond the grave.

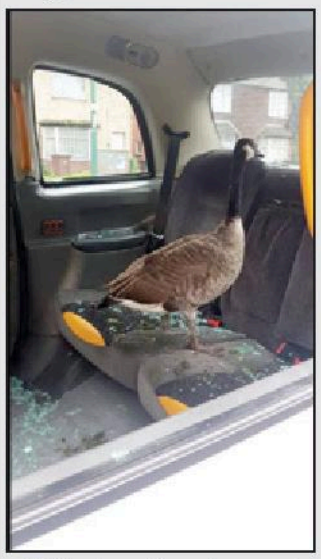
"Let me out, it's f***ing dark in here" cried Shay Bradley from his coffin as it was being lowered into the ground in Kilmanagh, Kilkenny, on Oct. 12. In the pre-recorded message, the voice continued: "Where the f*** am I? Is that a priest I can hear? This is Shay, I'm in the box."

He then sang: "Hello again hello, hello I just called to say goodbye."

Ensuring he got the last laugh at his own send-off, the 62-year-old Irish Defence Force veteran had his family and friends in fits of giggles rather than tears.

Bradley's daughter, Andrea Bradley, said he had been sick for three years before he died on Oct. 8, and had planned his prank over the last year.

No fowl play: Cops on a wild goose chase



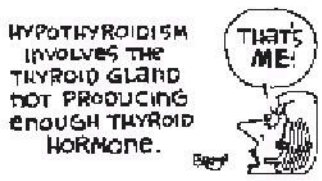
Nottinghamshire: It sounded like a wild goose chase, but Police in Nottinghamshire really did find the bird in the back of a taxi after it smashed through its window. The force said they received a call about a goose flying into a car in the Radford area, a few miles from Nottingham.

In a post on Twitter, Radford Road Police said: "When a colleague asked if a call had been received about a goose flying into a taxi over the radio, we had to see it to believe it."

The force joked on social media that the bird may have been heading to the Nottingham Goose Fair, an annual event which takes place in the area in the first week of October. The force said the goose was taken to a local vet, while the taxi driver had to repair the damage to his vehicle.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How common is Hypothyroidism?



An estimated 10 to 25 million people suffer from an underactive thyroid gland. Symptoms of under-active thyroid include: weight gain, fatigue, dry skin, cognitive impairment, low libido and depression. Women and people over 50 are more likely to suffer from thyroid issues.

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Adjudged VTU's "Best NSS Unit"

Seen are** (from left) **Dr. A. S. Deshpande, Registrar, VTU, Belagavi, L. Kiran Kumar, Best NSS Programme Officer awardee, Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, MITM and Director of "Best NSS Unit", Punith Kumar and V. Ramesh, "Best NSS Volunteer" awardees and Dr. Karisiddappa, Vice-Chancellor, VTU, at the Awards Ceremony of VTU in Bengaluru.

Mysuru, Oct.23 - Maharaja Institute of Technology, Mysuru (MITM), has been adjudged the "Best NSS Unit" for the academic year 2018 -19 at the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) level. Unit Director Dr. B.G. Naresh Kumar, Principal, MITM, received the award at a programme held at MSRIT, Bengaluru, recently.

L. Kiran Kumar, NSS Programme Officer, MITM, was given the "Best NSS Programme Officer" award with a memento and a cash prize of Rs. 10, 000.

Two students of MITM, V. Ramesh and Punith Kumar conferred "Best NSS Volunteers" award and a cash prize of Rs. 5,000 each.

Really...?

- ***Most incandescent light bulbs last anywhere from 1,000 to 2,000 hours, and modern LED bulbs can have an impressive lifespan of 25,000 to 50,000 hours. However, nothing beats the Centennial Light, which, as the name suggests, has been burning for over a century! First turned on in 1901, the Centennial Light hangs from the ceiling of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department in Livermore, California. General Electric calls it the "Eternal Light," and rightfully so since the bulb has outlived all of the fire-fighters that worked in the building at that time.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A woman and her husband stop at a dentist's office. "I need a tooth pulled right away," she says. "Don't bother with the Novocain; we're in a hurry."

"Which tooth do you want pulled?" asks the dentist.

The woman shoves her husband toward the dentist: "GO AHEAD, DEAR. SHOW HIM YOUR TOOTH!"

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VOICE OF THE READER

Babas, Bhagawans

and Gurus: Enough of them

Sir,

I respond to the article, *"Spiritual Spinners"* by Vikram Muthanna, in his column *Black and White* (*SOM* dated Oct. 19). But, the last word is not said yet about, what Vikram calls, Spiritual (money-spinning) Industry. His simple but very sincere concern about, 'How much money is enough money' for these over-greedy fakes who come with different brand names and suitable costumes, is not easy to answer.

We also can't predict where and when it will stop. **Where are those well-meaning Saints like Kabir, Guru Nanak, Shankaracharya, Kanaka Dasa and Purandara Dasa?** These saints gave meaning to life and its mystery through their own lives and teachings. But these days we find 'Godmen' (not Saints or Sanyasis) living in posh Ashrams (!) constantly guarded by bouncers dressed as 'Shishyas.' These modern Gurus openly flaunt their political connections. Even a *darshan* or a blessing costs thousands of rupees. Advance bookings are sometimes mandatory.

It is not that these very famous Swamijis, Gurus and Godmen are not exposed by many rational organs of society, but they are smart enough to escape quickly, astonishing their admirers who are overeager to believe in their superpower. Whenever a fake is arrested, you see, followers in thousands, in a state of hypnosis, acting as a private army, indulge in rampage and unbelievable anarchy forcing the release of their idol. Be it Haryana or elsewhere, it is the same, stunning the rationale of the sceptics.

It is very unfortunate and sad that our gullible brethren do not see, behind the pomp and show of their icons, lurks such crimes as paedophile, sexual assault, money racket and unlimited violence.

Again and again people get enthralled by the cheap tricks which are glorified as miracles. Why don't they see the arrogance when one says that the Sun and Moon move at his command insulting the common sense of a school-going child !!

It is disturbing that well-educated scholars and recognised scientists fall victims to these fake Godmen and take pride in falling at their feet. So it is not social or economic insecurity that drives people into the arms of these charlatans. It is the sense of SIN and the hope of easy DELIVERANCE that makes them go crazy.

So how can they, these fake Godmen, themselves being sinners offer help and solace for others? Most often the remedy suggested by the fake Godmen is funny, bizarre and generating a sense of fright and forceful surrender.

Very often these Godmen or women get queerly dressed, dance around on a stage as if in a trance, gesticulate wildly to create the required dramatic effect. The turmoil in society today being what it is, many feel rootless, disoriented and frustrated in their pursuit of peace and happiness.

Well, here are waiting in the wings, these fake people who pretend to be the anchors of these aimless ones. In reality, the ANCHOR should be the awareness of TRUTH and the PLACE without doubt the **HEART, and the tool simply, honest prayer.** No Babas, Bhagawans, Bapus, Gurus or Anandas can provide solace, if you don't discover your own prayer (a path), a channel to GOD, who is very much within yourself.

— Prof. K.V. Satyan
V.V. Mohalla
20.10.2019

NOTE: *"You are the architect of your own destiny."— Swami Vivekananda.*

Freedom fighters to observe

73rd anniversary of 'Mysore Chalo' tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct.23- Mysuru City and District Freedom Fighters Association has organised a programme at the Freedom Fighters Memorial Hall in Subbarayanakere, Narayana Shastri Road, on Oct.24, to mark the 73rd Anniversary of 'Mysore Chalo' Movement.

The movement aimed at installing a democratic and responsible Government in the Princely State of Mysore, with the then ruler announcing his decision to hand over the reins to a democratically elected Government, thereby accede to the Indian Union on Oct. 24, 1947.

MLA L. Nagendra will inaugurate the programme. Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy will preside. Former Mayor Ananth and Corporator Prameela Bharath will be the chief guests.

A jatha will be flagged off from Subbarayanakere premises at 10.30 am which will pass through 100 ft. Road, Ramaswamy Circle (Ramaswamy Memorial will be garlanded) and return to the starting point where a stage programme will be held.

Fun Fair Fest on Nov.1

Mysuru, Oct.23- Fun Fair Fest-2019 has been organised at St. Thomas Institutions, Vishweshwaranagar, on Nov.1 from 8.30 am to 3 pm.

The Fest features delicious food items, entertainment games, adventure activities, DJ and Fun Mela. A fun session will also be held for grandparents from 11 am to 12 noon.

St. Thomas Institutions Manager Rev. Prakash Abraham will preside. Mar Thoma Education Society (MES) Secretary Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Treasurer Ebby Eapen and Simi Prakash will be the guests of honour.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Research scholarship

Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS) has invited applications from eligible research candidates enrolled for Ph.D at recognised Colleges and Universities for sanctioning Research Scholarships. The candidates should submit the application with necessary documents before Nov.16 to KSTePS, Vijnana Bhavan, 24/2, 3rd Floor, 21st Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-70. For details, visit http://karnataka.gov.in or contact Ph: 080-26711166.

Selection for Kalasri award

The Department of Women and Child Development has organised various contests for children in the age group of 9 to 16 years to select for Kalasri Award on Oct.30 at 10 am at T. Narasipur Shikshakara Bhavana. Interested children should register before Oct.25 at the Child Development Project Office, T. Narasipur. For details, contact Ph: 08227-261267.

Walk-in interview

Mysuru District Employment Exchange Office has organised a walk-in interview on Oct.31 at 10 am at its premises in N.R. Mohalla. Candidates aged between 18 and 35 years with a pass in PUC/ Degree/ MBA/ B.Sc (Nursing)/ DGNM/ ANM can attend the interview with all necessary documents. Companies like ThoughtFocus Information Technologies, Apollo Home Care and Satin Care are participating in the event. For details, call: 0821-2489972.

Diploma in Interior Design Studies

Mysore Interiors and Designs Academy, affiliated to Jain Deemed-to-be-University, Bengaluru, will be starting one-year Diploma in Interior Design Studies for students, housewives, senior citizens and working executives from Nov.6 between 11 am and 1 pm. Last date for submission of application is Nov.4. For details, contact the Academy at Sree Cauvery Educational Institutions campus, Kuvempunagar, between 10 am and 5 pm or call Mob: 90353-36060 or Ph: 0821- 4256549.

Ph.D awardee

M.K. Biligiri has been awarded Ph.D in Gandhian Studies by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Gandhijiyavara Drushtiyalli Grameenabirudhi Mattu Gudi Kaigarikegala Adhyayana - Visheshavagi Nanjangud taluk' [Guide: Dr. S. Shivarajappa].

Victory for Greens as HC halts Mysuru-Kodagu Railway Line

Mysuru, Oct.23 (BCT)- In a huge victory to environmentalists and conservationists, the Karnataka High Court yesterday asked the Indian Railways and the Ministry of Railways to seek environment-related clearances before commissioning two rail projects in Kodagu — Mysuru-Kushalnagar line and the Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line. The High Court Bench, led by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka, gave these directions as it was hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Col. (retd.) C.P. Muthanna, former President of the Coorg Wildlife Society and others.

Picture for representation only

Disposing of the case, the High Court said that the Railways cannot proceed with the projects since forest and wildlife clearances have not been obtained. Moreover, the Indian Railways have been asked to notify the petitioner when they apply for clearances.

The petitioner contended that the Mysuru-Kushalnagar Railway Line is interconnected to Thalassery-Mysuru Railway Line project which shall connect and interconnect Karnataka and Kerala at the cost of severe damage to flora and fauna of Kodagu district.

"The fragile Western Ghat ecosystem — due to rampant commercialisation and unsustainable development — has already made Kodagu vulnerable to environmental catastrophes like floods and landslides. The construction of the Railway line will not only clear forests and alter the topography but also increase commercialisation and tourist activity," the petitioner contended.

The petitioner had urged the Court to issue directives to authorities not to carry out any activity or venture into implementing of Railway projects on and off or on the surrounding areas of Kodagu. The petitioner had also requested the Court to direct the Central Govt. not to plan any kind of project in the name of building tourism between States at the cost of biodiversity and stay the survey and other related activities of these two Railway projects.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, C.P. Muthanna said that in February this year, the South Western Railway had sanctioned construction of an 87-km railway line between Belagola in Mysuru and Kushalnagar. Another proposed Railway line which was planned to cut through the forests was the Mysuru and Thalassery Line.

"So far the Forest Department had been saying that the Railways have not approached them at all for the environmental clearances. Now that we are party to the case, if the Railways want to review the project or ask permission from the Environmental Ministry, they have to keep us informed and this is a good development as the Railways cannot do any ground work keeping us in the dark," he said.

Also, as the area comes under a buffer zone in a Tiger Reserve (Nagarahole National Park), the Railways cannot get these clearances, Muthanna added. The High Court directive holds good for both proposed Railway lines, he revealed.

The petition (WP 17990/2018) was filed on 24.4.2018 by Muthanna (the then President of Coorg Wildlife Society). He is also the Coordinator, Save Kodagu and Cauvery Campaign. The respondents in the petition are Secretary, Ministry of Forests, Environment and Ecology, Ministry of Railways, Chief Secretaries of Karnataka and Kerala and Principal Chief Conservators of Forests, Karnataka and Kerala.

Opposing RCEP, sugarcane growers to block Highway on Oct.25

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (SPN&KS)- Opposing **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)** agreement, State Sugarcane Growers Association would be staging a protest by blocking the Highway near APMC (Bandipalya) Circle at 11 am on Oct.25.

Disclosing this to the media, farmer leader Attalli Devaraj said that the Union Government would be signing the agreement with Asian Pacific countries regarding RCEP on Nov.4 and added that the agricultural sector would be badly hit if India signs the RCEP agreement.

He further said that the Governments of the 16 countries which are signing agreements with India give more subsidies to their farmers and the agricultural products produced by these countries would be sold in India without any tax, which would badly hit the Indian farmers and also agricultural labourers.

Devaraj has urged agricultural labourers and farmers to participate in the protest in large numbers.

Miscreants steal sandalwood tree in Ramakrishnanagar

Mysuru, Oct.23 (RK&KS)- Miscreants have chopped a sandalwood tree close to the Police Station at Ramakrishnanagar here yesterday.

The miscreants, after felling the tree, have carried away the trunk measuring about 9 ft. and worth lakhs of rupees. The tree was grown in front of the house of one Rajagopal on the Cross Road opposite the Church in Ramakrishnanagar. The miscreants had tied the branch of the tree to another tree using a rubber pipe to prevent the tree from falling and avoid sound.

Residents alleged that though they informed about the theft of the sandalwood tree to Kuvempunagar Police Station, no Police personnel visited the spot even today.

Obituary

Sajida Bi

Mysuru, Oct.23- Sajida Bi (80), former Corporator and wife of late Abdul Hameed, passed away this morning at her residence in Gayathripuram 2nd Stage. She leaves behind five sons and two daughters.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid-e-Gousia in Gousianagar after Mugrib prayers (6.15 pm), followed by the burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

H.K. Sudhakar

H.K. Sudhakar (78), a retired Chief Engineer and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife C.P. Vijayakumari, son H.S. Vishwas and daughter H.S. Nivedita. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Akkamahadevi

Akkamahadevi (71), a retd. teacher and a resident of Giridarshini near Alanahalli, passed away yesterday in city following illness. She leaves behind a son.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

S.G. Kumar Aradhya

S.G. Kumar Aradhya (72), former President of Basava Balaga and a resident of Sunnadakeri, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

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'Save Dewan Poornaiah Canal, Conserve Kukkarahalli Lake'

Activists welcome MLA G.T. Devegowda's stand to resurvey historic canal

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (SPN&BCT)- Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has urged the elected representatives and residents to save the iconic Kukkarahalli Lake and clear encroachment on Dewan Poornaiah Canal.

MGP members, under the banner of *Kukkarahalli Ulisi Andolan,* has welcomed Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda's (GTD) announcement of redoing the survey of Dewan Poornaiah Canal in an effort to preserve the Kukkarahalli Lake's life line. "We congratulate him (GTD) for his firm and timely stand on the issue," they said in a press release.

It may be recalled here that at the Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) meeting held on Oct. 21, GTD had hauled up Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) officials for closure of Dewan Poornaiah Canal near Bogadi.

The MLA was shocked as one of the MUDA officials said that the Canal was being closed following MUDA Commissioner's orders. GTD then directed MUDA to conduct a fresh survey and re-acquire MUDA lands that have been encroached.

S. Shobana, Shylajesha, D.H. Tanuja and Bhamy Shenoy, all of them associated with the *Andolan,* said, "We were shocked to learn that an order had been issued for the construction of the road on what is remaining of the Canal. We hope that there must be some misunderstanding on this citizen un-friendly step. No responsible official in modern days when there is greater awareness to preserve the environment will take such a step," they said.

The concerned members stated that they are studying the Canal from time to time to find out how to increase the inflow into Kukkarahalli Lake. "When Kukkarahalli Lake was in the pink of its health, Dewan Poornaiah Canal was in good shape. Unfortunately over the years, due to official neglect, greed of the real estate mafia and indifference of people, the Canal has been encroached upon in several places," they observed.

Recalling their meeting with Deputy Commissioners over the years, they have urged to restore Poornaiah Canal and strongly felt that even now with some effort, encroachments can be removed in some places and where it can't be removed, alternative routes can be provided for flow of water.

They demanded that elected representatives immediately ask MCC Commissioner to stop any activity involving encroachment of Poornaiah Canal. Of the original length of 22-km, only 4-km remains today, they maintained. Finding alternatives will not be easy and also technically challenging. It can be done but will cost money that is worth spending to save the Lake," they argued.

"What is needed is political will. If the people demand that elected leaders act, they will be forced to undertake the restoration. If we continue to show indifference and do nothing, we will lose Kukkarahalli Lake within few years," they cautioned.

The activists urged the people of Mysuru to come forward to get involved with the movement and sought support for GTD for his effort. They demanded that the MCC Commissioner stop any activity involving encroachment of the historic Canal.

Now, only 4-km of 22-km-long Poornaiah Canal remains

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (BCT)- The Dewan Poornaiah Canal is the main feeder Canal that brings fresh water to the Kukkarahalli Lake. Of the original length of 22-km, only 4-km remains today, thanks to unscientific approach towards the development of layouts and lack of concern for the environment.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Naturalist **U.N. Ravikumar,** who is also a wetland specialist, said that when the Kukkarahalli Lake was built by the Maharajas, 22-km Dewan Poornaiah Canal was constructed to feed fresh water to the Lake from Bommanahalli Lake near Huyilalu village.

"Fresh water was flowing to the Kukkarahalli Lake from the Bommanahalli Lake. In the 1980s, different stages of Vijayanagar and Bogadi were formed and the earth was dug up in a massive scale by earthmovers. The historic Canal was destroyed and new constructions came up. Nobody thought about the Canal then," Ravikumar said.

The Dewan Poornaiah Canal passes below this place near Gangothri Public School at Bogadi Second Stage (MCC Ward Number 44). The Canal has been closed for development of a Road as seen in the picture.

Four kilometres of the Canal still exists behind SJCE (Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering) and near Bogadi Road Bridge where there is a deep ditch. "From here, the Canal takes the route near Kuvempunagar Double Road and joins the Kukkarahalli Lake. The Canal path can easily be identified and restored. We understand that the 22-km Canal cannot be restored as several Layouts have come up and the damage is done. At least the 4-km stretch behind SJCE can be restored. The authorities have managed to stop sewage to Kukkarahalli Lake. Now they must allow the entry of fresh water to save the pristine Lake," he added.

Entries invited for Carol singing contest

Mysuru, Oct.23- The Carmel Catholic Association (CCA), Mysuru, is organising the 27th Carol Singing competition, on Dec.8 at Teresian College Auditorium in Siddarthanagar.

This year's theme is 'Singing together for peace and harmony.'

The competition will be conducted in twelve different categories, from kindergarten to Professionals. Trophies and cash awards will be given for all winning teams.

The last day for submitting application to the CCA Office at Carmel Bhavan, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, is Dec.3.

Rev. Mgr. Thomas Thennattil, Vicar General, Diocese of Mandya, will inaugurate at 8.30 am. Rev. Fr. Joseph Edakkery CMI, Advisor, Carmel Catholic Association, will preside.

Valedictory function at 6.30 pm will be presided over by Rt. Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysuru. Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, will be the chief guest.

For details, contact Mob: 90352-26297 or 94485-76371.

Dr. Ambedkar birth anniversary at KSFC

Mysuru, Oct.23- Karnataka State Finance Corporation (KSFC) has organised a programme at its Mysuru branch office tomorrow (Oct.24) at 11.30 am to mark the 128th birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

KSFC Head Office Deputy General Manager (DGM) N. Venkatesh will inaugurate the programme. Mysuru Branch DGM Gopal Bairy will preside.

Dr. Shalvapille Iyengar, Chairperson of KSOU's Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and T.R. Gangadharaswamy, Asst. General Manager of KSFC Internal Audit Department, will be the chief guests.

Pratibha Puraskar, Matrimonial Meet

Mysuru, Oct.23- Karnataka Rajya Valmiki Nayaka Sanghagala Okkuta will be presenting Pratibha Puraskar to Nayaka community students who have secured above 80% marks in the SSLC/ PUC exams and will also be holding a matrimonial meet for the prospective brides and grooms of the community.

Interested may obtain the prescribed application forms and submit the filled-in applications to the Secretary/ Working President, Karnataka Rajya Valmiki Nayaka Sanghagala Okkuta, #392, Bhairaveshwara Temple Road, Nayakara Beedi, Hinkal, Mysuru - 570030.

For details, contact Mob: 94480-34316 or 94490-01448.

MCC Council Meeting: Corporators raise issues concerning potholed roads, drinking water woes

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath chairing the MCC Council Meeting at Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium in city yesterday. She is flanked by Dy. Mayor Shafi Ahmed (left) and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde. Picture right shows Independent Corporator M.V. Ramprasad registering his protest against the water woes in city by wearing a white shirt and cap printed with a slogan 'Neerigagi Kanneeru' and holding an empty pot.

Mysuru, Oct.23- In the MCC Council Meeting post Dasara, Corporators, cutting across party lines, took the officials to task by unitedly raising the issues of potholed roads and drinking water woes in city.

With Corporators targeting the officials, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that a total of 32 work orders were issued to repair potholes at a cost of Rs.5 lakh in each of the Wards. But the continuous rains is hampering the works, he said and added that the works would be taken up once the rain stops, while at the same time maintaining quality.

But several Corporators cited instances of several mishaps, including that of a Corporator who had suffered a fracture earlier while riding his two-wheeler over a pothole, to which the Commissioner reiterated that all potholes will be filled up once the rain stops. The Corporators also expressed apprehension on taking up the works effectively with Rs.5 lakh and wanted to know whether it was possible to utilise the additional grants of Rs.10 lakh as announced by Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed at the previous Council Meeting.

The MCC Commissioner was reluctant and referred to the precarious financial condition of the City Corporation, which already owes Rs.120 crore towards pending bills of the contractors. However, former Mayor Ayub Khan was not ready to relent and argued that most of the works sanctioned by the previous Commissioners were still pending.

Online Property Tax collection

Former Mayor and Congress Corporator Arif Hussain and BJP Corporator Shivakumar suggested the Commissioner to explore the possibilities of introducing an online system to collect Property Tax and provide other services that can augment the City Corporation's revenues. Hussain cited the example of Tumakuru City Corporation, which recently introduced online services in a robust manner.

Corporators demand water

Pandemonium prevailed at the Council Meeting for some time as Corporators urged the officials to ensure adequate supply of water.

Independent Corporator M.V. Ramprasad, wearing a white shirt and cap printed with a slogan 'Neerigagi Kanneeru' and holding an empty pot, rushed to the Well of the House demanding that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the MCC Commissioner resolve issues related to drinking water.

Explaining the gravity of the issue, the Corporators targeted the officials for failing to address the issue. The Corporators also accused the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) Engineers of not responding to their calls.

Even as Ramprasad registered his protest by holding an empty water pot, other Corporators demanded a ground report from officials as residents of their Wards were hard pressing them for uninterrupted water supply.

VVWW Engineer Nagarajamurthy pointed out that the problem erupted after a motor pump used to supply water to Wards in N.R. Assembly segment, started malfunctioning. While water tankers were deployed at some places based on demand, measures are being taken to address the issue soon, he added.

Works not approved

The meeting also witnessed a high drama when Opposition BJP leaders trooped into the Well of the House twice. The Corporators, led by Opposition Leader B.V. Manjunath, questioned about the pending approval of works worth Rs.10.6 crore.

Manjunath sought a reply from the MCC Commissioner on the issue, when Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde sought to clarify that there is a difference in the amount according to the documents available with him.

JD(S) Corporator complains about pig menace

Prema Shankaregowda, a JD(S) Corporator, brought to the notice of the Commissioner the pig menace in her Ward. She suggested that measures should be taken to check the menace like in the case of stray dogs, which are castrated under the Animal Birth Control programme.

Mayor announces Rs.50 lakh Grant to every Ward

Mysuru, Oct.23- In her last Council Meeting, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath announced a Grant of Rs.50 lakh to every Ward for taking up developmental works. Replying to the members' demand for at least Rs.85 lakh, the Mayor said that she has announced this amount even though the Commissioner had suggested only Rs.25 lakh.

Corporators demand hike in vacant site cleaning charges

Following the demand by Corporators to hike cleaning charges of vacant sites, the meeting resolved to hike the fee by Re.1 a square feet for sites measuring 20x30 and Rs.2 per sqft. for sites measuring 30x40.

Corporator K.V. Sridhar, who raised the issue of footpath encroachments, accused the officials of failing to clear the encroachments.

Last Council Meeting for Mayor

It was the last Council Meeting for Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, as her term is scheduled to end in mid-November. But it was not a satisfactory meeting for her as the ruling coalition partners — Congress and JD(S) — accused her of not playing an effective role. The Opposition BJP Corporators maintained that the Mayor will be demitting office as the Mayor who least sanctioned works.

Expressing concern over increasing wastes concerning online food supplies, he demanded that the food suppliers be levied tax as cleaning charges.

JD(S) Corporator V. Ramesh urged the MCC authorities to buy more de-silting machines for clearing clogged Under-Ground Drainages (UGDs) .

Maintaining that there were a number of complaints of clogged UGDs in his area, he contended that there was only one jetting machine for seven Wards, which is grossly inadequate.

Stressing on the urgent need to have more de-silting machines, he noted that the clearing of all clogged drains will drastically reduce water-logging during heavy rains.

An MCC Official said that Rs.2 crore has been set aside under the 14th Finance Plan for the purchase of de-silting machines and tenders would also be invited for purchase of jetting machines.

Some Corporators opposed the permission given for setting up cracker stalls in the Town Hall premises. Taking strong objection to the MCC's decision, they observed that the cracker stalls at the Town Hall which is very close to the city Palace is not advisable.

Corporator Chayadevi accused the officials of being silent spectators to the buildings that are coming up illegally after encroachment of drains at J.C. Nagar and K.C. Nagar Layouts.

Corporator Pallavi Begum raised the issue of a residential layout coming up on the land demarcated for SC/ST burial ground along Mysuru-Nanjangud road, while another Corporator Pramila Bharath brought to the notice of the meeting the poor state of Freedom Fighters Park coming under her Ward and Corporator Sathwik Sandesh Swamy wanted financial assistance to Mohan, son of Pourakarmika Lokesh, who has been selected for an international sports meet in Japan *(see report on page-11)*, to which the meeting agreed.

The Council Meeting also discussed the confusion in the issue of Dasara Passes this year. Former Mayor Ayub Khan, who raised the issue, accused the District Administration of ignoring the MCC which played a crucial role in the Dasara celebrations.

Alleging that the District Minister made false claims in respect of Dasara Passes, the former Mayor urged the meeting to raise the issue with the District Administration. Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath assured that the MCC would write to the Deputy Commissioner and the State Chief Secretary in this regard.

Landslip at Chamundi Hill

View Point-Nandi Statue Road closed for traffic

PWD officials led by Executive Engineer Vinay Kumar seen inspecting the landslip atop the Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (RK, LNY&BCT)- The Road between View Point and Nandi Statue atop Chamundi Hill has been temporarily closed for vehicular traffic from this morning as a portion of the Hill caved in yesterday. Vehicles have been asked to take regular route to reach Chamundeshwari Temple and alternative Road to Nandi Statue.

A portion of Chamundi Hill along with the retaining wall collapsed due to incessant and intermittent rains. Following this, officials from the Public Works Department (PWD), who maintain the Road, visited the place last evening and immediately stopped vehicle movement till the repairs are undertaken.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, PWD Assistant Executive Engineer R. Raju said that 50 feet of the land portion along with the retaining wall slipped into 22-feet gorge. "We have rounded on the technology that will be used to repair the stretch and we will consult soil experts for the work. Modern technology will be used to restore the damaged part and prevent further crashes," he said.

Barricades were placed on both sides of the Road yesterday night itself and Policemen were posted till 10 pm. As the Roads leading to the Hill are usually closed at 10 pm, there was no vehicular movement. Today morning too, no vehicle was allowed on the stretch.

A team of PWD officials led by Executive Engineer Vinay Kumar visited the spot this morning, and told *SOM* that traffic has been banned on this stretch till 15 days.

"Work will start immediately as it comes under emergency work category. We will use the Natural Calamity Funds and will not call tenders for this as tendering process will delay the works," he said. He added that the retaining walls have developed cracks at several places and they need to be fixed to prevent further landslips.

Vinay Kumar said that the work estimate has already been prepared and the information has been passed to PWD higher officials and the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner.

"As of now we cannot see the actual damage as the area is steep. Vehicles have been banned as the pressure on the Road will lead to more damage and the retaining wall and the Road might give in. We will do this work in a scientific manner and in consultation with geologists and soil experts," he added.

Mini waterfalls, major attraction

Incessant rains atop Chamundi Hill have given birth to many vertical swift-streams and waterfalls from the Hilltop.

Tourists who are coming to the Hill are stopping by the Road to hold the cascading water in their hands and feel the water slipping from their legs.

Some are also taking selfies and sharing them on social media.

Soil experts say that there is no designated place for the water to flow from the Hill due to rampant development and water escapes from any given crevice or a gap. These waterfalls are one of the reasons for the soil to loosen and cause landslips, they say.

A worker cleans the drain to enable smooth flow of rainwater so that water does not overflow on the road causing more landslides.

Tourist Guide waylaid, assaulted in wee hours

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Knives and iron rods

Two persons got down from the vehicle and opened the car boot to get knives and iron rods. They asked David for money and ATM card and when he refused, he was attacked. One of the gang members stabbed his left hand and the other beat him up with the iron rod. They snatched his mobile phone and Rs. 6,200 cash.

The gang again pushed David back into the car and dumped him at Bommuru Agrahara Cross near Naguvinahalli check post. The four members later fled the place. A bleeding David was unable to walk. He was rescued by a few farmers and a tea vendor by the side of the road.

Srirangapatna Police Station

At around 6 am, David managed to reach the Srirangapatna Police Station to lodge a complaint. A sleepy Policeman who was on night duty told David that a complaint cannot be taken as the Sub-Inspector will come only after 9 am. When David told him that he was picked up by the gang near Tipu Circle, the Constable told him to go to Lashkar Mohalla Police Station.

Lashkar and Mandi Police Stations

Tired and exhausted, David took a bus home and accompanied by his son Jesu Raj Prabhu, he took an auto to Lashkar Police Station. The Lashkar Police too refused to register an FIR as according to them, Tipu Circle comes under Mandi Mohalla Police Station.

David then headed to Mandi Mohalla Station where a cop insulted him that he was looking like a rowdy. David pleaded with him to register an FIR and send him for medical examination as he needed quick medical attention and he was bleeding and was unable to walk.

Running around

Without bothering to book an FIR, the Mandi Police again told him to go Lashkar Police Station. Fed up with the Police attitude, David finally reached Lashkar Station and again pleaded the Police to register the case.

After examining the jurisdiction in detail and making David and son wait till 10.30 pm, an FIR was registered and the victim was sent for medical test. David is yet to recover from the shock of the assault and the treatment meted out to him at three Police Stations. On their part, Police are tracking the vehicle details to arrest the gang.

Seminar on 'Swami Vivekananda' begins

Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashrama, Dharwad President Swami Vijayananda Saraswathi offering floral tributes to an idol of Swami Vivekananda at EMMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri this morning.

Mysuru, Oct.23 (RKB&US)- A two-day National Seminar on 'Spiritual flow of Dharma, culture and patriotism in the thought of Swami Vivekananda,' organised by the Department of Studies in Philosophy, Swami Vivekananda Chair of University of Mysore, commenced this morning at EMMRC auditorium in Manasagangothri here.

Researchers and students of Philosophy are participating in the Seminar.

Inaugurating the programme, Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashrama, Dharwad President Swami Vijayananda Saraswathi opined that Dharma has been misconstrued by people today.

Quoting Swami Vivekananda, the Swamiji clarified that Dharma is not just going to temples and offering puja but is defined qualitatively with reference to service and sacrifice. He opined that despite tremendous growth in Science and Technology, a person should introspect himself or herself in behaviour and culture.

Presiding over the programme, Vivekananda Chair retired Visiting Professor G.S. Jayadeva contended that such programmes would redefine culture and patriotism for the younger generation to identify themselves better.

Regional Institute of Education (RIE) Principal Dr. Y. Srikanth was the chief guest.

Seminar Director Dr. S. Venkatesh, Vivekananda Chair Visiting Professor V.N. Sheshagiri Rao, Assistant Professor Dr. M. Daniel and others were present.

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By Satish Acharya

Selected for 'Chinmaya Jnani' Award

Mysuru, Oct.23- The following persons have been selected for the 'Chinmaya Jnani' award given by Sharanu Vishwa Vachana Foundation, Mysuru, for the year 2019:

R. Sumangala, Asst. Teacher, JSS Shishunala Sharif High School, Udayagiri, Mysuru; **N. Ashwini,** Asst. Teacher, Sri Murugharajendraswamy Higher Primary School, Mariyala, Chamarajanagar; **Shivaraja D. Methri Talamadagi,** Asst. Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Dhummanasura, Humanabad, Bidar; **Poornima,** Asst. Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Halakoda, Chincholi, Kalaburagi; **Channabasava Asperi,** Asst. Teacher, Karnataka Public School, Karatagi, Koppala; **Sanganasharana Channabasava V. Burli,** Asst. Teacher, Banjara High School, Banjara City, Vijayapura; **Chouluru Lokesh,** Asst. Teacher, Government Lower Primary School, Kaavalu Basaveshwaranagar, Nayakanahatti, Challakere, Chitradurga; **C.S. Anupama,** Asst. Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Bheemasandra Palya, Tumakuru; **Susheeladevi B. Bettageri,** lecturer, KLE Institute Jagadguru Gangadhara Commerce College, Annegeri, Dharwad; **Seema J. Reddy,** Asst. Teacher, Upgraded Government Higher Primary School, Sindhanur, Raichur; **Malathi S. Aradhya,** Asst. Teacher, St. Joseph's Convent, Whitefield, Bengaluru; **K. Jayalakshmi,** lecturer, St. Joseph's College, Madikeri, Kodagu; **Nirmala M. Shivanagutti,** Principal, Bhagirathi PU College, Kotturu, Ballari; **D.S. Ashwini,** Asst. Professor, SJCIT Engineering College, Chikkaballapura; **S.C. Rudrachar,** Asst. Teacher, Lalitha International Public School, Davanagere; **K.P. Boregowda,** Asst. Teacher, Government Lower Primary School, Atuppe, K.R. Pet, Mandya; **Rani Charashri,** Asst. Teacher, Government High School, Somanahalli, Hassan and Nanjundappa, Asst. Teacher, Government High School, Balamande, Bangarpet, Kolar.

The award will be presented at a prog. to be held at Kannada Sahitya Parishat Office in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, on Oct.27.

Love episode claims three lives

Mandya, Oct.23 (Nagaiah& KS)- A love episode has claimed the lives of three persons at Manchanahalli in Nagamangala taluk and the incident has come to light late. The deceased are Sowmya (name changed), a minor girl, her grandfather Chandranna (65) and the lover boy's father Chennenahalli Somashekar (50).

Sowmya, a resident of Manchanahalli and 22-year-old Yashwanth of Honnenahalli were in love. As Sowmya's parents came to know about the love affair, Sowmya, out of fear, reportedly consumed poison about a month ago. Unable to bear the pain after consuming poison, she had again attempted to commit suicide by hanging but was rescued by her parents. She was admitted to a nearby hospital and was later shifted to a private hospital in Bengaluru.

As Sowmya was not responding to the treatment, she was discharged from the hospital and her parents had admitted her to another private hospital in Bellur. Sowmya's grandfather Chandranna rushed to the hospital from Ooty and shocked by her condition, collapsed and died of heart attack at the hospital. Later, even Sowmya too breathed her last a few days later.

Meanwhile, Sowmya's parents filed a complaint at Bellur Police Station and the Police arrested Yashwanth. Yashwanth's father Somashekar, who working as a driver in Mangaluru, committed suicide by hanging at his workplace as he could not bear the news of his son's arrest. Yashwanth, who was in judicial custody, came out on interim bail to conduct the death ceremony rituals of his father and is signing the register at Bellur Police Station every day.

Tiger kills man in Bandipur forest border

Mysuru, Oct.23 (MTY&KS)- The villagers of Hundipura and Chowdahalli and surrounding villages on the fringes of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, who had breathed a sigh of relief following the capture of a tiger which had killed two persons in a span of one month, were in for a shock, when they found the body of a man allegedly mauled by a tiger at Madapatna in the border of Bandipur this noon.

On learning about the incident, the Forest Department personnel have rushed to the spot to investigate.

Though the Forest officials have not confirmed whether the man was mauled by the tiger, the villagers said that the injuries found on the man has been made by a tiger and are now wondering whether the tiger that was tranquillised recently and shifted to the rehabilitation centre was the one which had killed two villagers. More details awaited.

D.K. Shivakumar finally gets bail after 50 days

New Delhi, Oct. 23- The Delhi High Court today afternoon granted bail to D.K. Shivakumar. He is in Enforcement Directorate custody in a money laundering case. The bail was granted at 2 pm and Shivakumar has spent over 50 days in jail.

Ravishankar Guruji at N'gud Temple

Art of Living Founder Sri Ravishankar Guruji offered special prayers at Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud on Oct.22. He was received by the Temple Executive Officer Ravindra. Dharmadarshi Girish, Ningashetty and others were present when the Swamiji was felicitated by the Temple authorities.

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In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka gives tips on what has to be done to make the adopted dog / cat comfortable at its new home

Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

I recently adopted a dog but he is very shy. What should I do?

Designate a small, quiet room for your dog. Place the food, water, and bedding in the room. Travelling, having parties, or introducing your dog to a lot of new people who are not part of your household is not recommended at this time. Establish a regular feeding, sleeping and walking routine. Do not push the dog to do anything that will make him uncomfortable. Spend quiet time with the dog, perhaps just sitting and reading a book while in the same room. To gain trust, sit and pet the dog while giving him some treats. If the dog is uncomfortable being petted, then just try to offer treats, or try playing with him.

What should I do when I find a lost pet?

Call an animal protection group or a NGO. Call the Police to inform them about the found pet. They might have missing reports regarding that pet.

Check if the dog is wearing a tag or a collar, call the number and leave a message.

Take the dog to a local vet. The owners may have complained there.

Make a found poster and place it around the area.

Let the pet stay with you until a home is found. Abandoned, lost animals die very easily on the road as they have no idea where to find food.

What is the scope of Pet Insurance in India?

India has Pet Insurance Scheme wherein dogs between the ages of 8 weeks to 8 years can be insured at the basic rate of premium, which is 5% of the sum insured.

Pet Insurance covers: Death due to accident; Illness contracted while the policy is in effect; Treatment expenses; Accident while in transit (via rail, air or road); Loss/ theft of the pet; Incapacitation; Accidental poisoning; Third party liability.

Pet Insurance exclusions: Wilful or malicious injury to the pet; Injury or illness arising out of neglect or unskilful handling of the pet; Loss or injury due to war, foreign hostility, revolution, rebellion, military upheaval, etc.; Death due to rabies, distemper, viral hepatitis, viral enteritis, leptospirosis, etc.; Illness that has been contracted prior to taking the policy.

I recently adopted a cat but she is very shy. What should I do to make her feel more welcome?

Go slowly at first. A new cat may need seven to fourteen days to relax into her new environment.

Offer her a safe place to hide while she gets her bearings. She'll appreciate the chance to observe her new family's routine from a small, dark space, or one high above the action.

Take your cat to a caring veterinarian for a wellness exam within one week after adoption.

Provide the same diet she had at the shelter at least for the first week or two.

Cats must scratch, so make sure to provide yours with a sturdy, rough-textured scratching post to save wear and tear on furniture.

Cat-proof your home before giving your new feline run of the house. Put away harsh cleaning products, human medications and household poisons. Re-home any poisonous house-plants.

What are the human diseases that are contagious to dogs?

Mumps is a highly contagious viral disease in people. Initial physical symptoms of the disease include lethargy, muscle pain, headache, and fever, and are usually followed by a painful swelling of the parotid salivary glands, located on the sides of the face. Most dogs recover from a mumps infection in five to ten days. It is obviously best to keep your pets away from any infected family members.

Ringworm is an infection of the skin that affects humans as well as animals. Despite its name, ringworm is not caused by any type of parasite or worm but by a fungus. The primary symptom of ringworm in people is an itchy, round rash. In dogs, ringworm typically causes roughly round patches of hair loss that may or may not be itchy. Ringworm can be transmitted through direct contact with an infected individual (human or animal) as well as through contaminated objects (brushes, towels, etc.).

While Salmonella is often associated with food poisoning, it can also be passed to humans through contact with infected animals, and vice versa. In both humans and dogs, Salmonella can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, fever, headaches, and abdominal cramps. Dogs are more resistant to Salmonella than are people, so the chances of you making your dog sick are slim.

Why is my cat afraid of water?

Even though many cats love the taste of fish, they are not ocean or river dwelling creatures historically. The domesticated cat is the descendant of felines that typically live in dry arid areas. They have never learned to swim because there was no evolutionary need for it.

Cats ears are really small and if water gets inside, it will be almost impossible to get it out, creating deafness and possibly an infection.

Cats have an undercoat which does not dry easily. It's like wearing a wet T-shirt for hours, making it hard for them to return to a dry, warm state quickly. Cats are also used to feeling nimble — in water, their motions become sluggish. Also, because cats are sensitive to odours, it's possible your cat doesn't like the scent of chemicals from tap water.

I recently adopted a new kitten. What should I do to make my resident cat bond well with her?

Here are five steps to follow when it comes to introducing your new kitten to your resident cat:

It is not advisable to bring your cat home and immediately introduce it to your resident cat. You need to have a safe room - a room like a bedroom that preferably has a bathroom attached to it. The kitten should be placed in that room with its toys, bed, litter box and food where your resident cat doesn't sleep every night and also one where your kitten can get used to a human in the house.

The safe room allows your kitten to get used to the sounds and smells of your home, and allows your resident cat to get used to the smells of a new cat without the threat of it. Keep the kitten in the safe room for 1-2 weeks. During those 1-2 weeks the kitten will stop smelling like the shelter or breeder it came from, and will rather start smelling like your home, which is less threatening to your resident cat. It will also allow for the kitten to be cleared health wise to make sure s/he is not bringing home any diseases to your resident cat.

It is important to allow both the new kitten and your cat to get used to each other's scents. To start off the process, take a soft cloth, or a clean sock, and wipe it around the new kitten's face, under the chin, ear to ear, where some of the scent glands are located. Once you have the scent on the towel, offer it to the kitten or cat and do the same with the opposite.

Once the kitten's health has been cleared by a vet, you can take the kitten from the safe room (maybe about the first week, depending on how curious your kitten is) and put your resident cat in the safe room for an hour. Allow the resident cat to smell the entire room, use the litter box, eat the kitten's food (assuming your resident kitty has no health issues) and more. Meanwhile, do the same with the kitten — allowing her/him to explore the rest of the house.

Facilitate a face-to-face meeting. You can do this a few ways. You can put up a baby gate in the doorway of the safe room and allow the kitten and resident cat to approach each other in their own time. Or, you can put the kitten in a carrier that smells like your resident cat, and then bring the kitten in the closed carrier into the resident cat's area and set it down. Allow the resident cat to approach the carrier in his or her own time—smelling, hissing, etc.

Once the cats seem to be calm at the sight of each other, it is probably safe to introduce the two without barriers like the pet carrier and baby gate. Make sure that they are supervised during this initial meeting. If there are any problems during this time, go back a step to allow each cat more time to view each other on opposite sides of the baby gate.

It is best to have one person hold the kitten and another hold the resident cat — preferably the person that the resident cat is most comfortable with. If the cats do well for a short time at a great distance, the next day repeat the process by decreasing the distance between them by a foot or two and increase the time they have to check each other out. On the first day, start about 10 feet apart for 5 minutes, the next day try 8 feet apart for 10 minutes and so on.

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Four from Mysuru for Kids Rugby Spirit Festival in Japan

A Pourakarmika's son too makes it to the team

The selected students — Priyanka, Rajeshwari, Pavankumar and L. Mohan — along with 'Magic Bus' Training-cum-Monitoring Officer Sangeetha, at the City Railway Station before leaving for Japan.

Mysuru, Oct.23 (YDS&US)- Four young sportspersons from city, including the son of a Pourakarmika, have been selected to take part in the Societe Generale Kids Rugby Spirit Festival to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from tomorrow (Oct.24) till Oct.26 as part of the ongoing Rugby World Cup-2019. The participants from city left for Japan yesterday.

They are accompanied by 'Magic Bus' (Mysuru) Training-cum-Monitoring Officer Sangeetha and 'Magic Bus' (Bengaluru) Trainer Lawrence.

The selected kids are Priyanka, daughter of Ravi and Laksmi; Rajeshwari, daughter of Krishnanayaka and Sakamma, Pavankumar, son of Basavaraju and Mangala, all from Kyatamaranahalli and L. Mohan, son of Pourakarmika Lokesh and Geetha of Jyotinagar.

Priyanka and Rajeshwari are studying in 8th standard at People's Park School, Pavankumar, also in 8th standard at Kyathamaranahalli Government School and Mohan in a 6th standard student at Jyotinagar Government School. Apart from studies, they are active in sports.

TRAINING: The four students are being trained for the last three years under Ilyas of Magic Bus India Foundation in Kabaddi, Wrestling, Gymnastics and other games. They have participated in sports events in Mangaluru, Chikkamagalur, Haveri, Ramanagar, Bengaluru and other districts and have won prizes. Magic Bus India Foundation is sponsoring the students' travel to Japan.

The members of the Foundation visit slum areas and places inhabited by SC/ST community and identify the children interested in sports. Keeping sports as a medium, an awareness is created on education, health, equality and eradication of child marriage, according to Foundation Programme Manager Venkatesh.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has said that it is a pride for Mysuru as a Pourakarmika's son is participating in the International Festival without getting anybody's recommendation.

About Kids Rugby Spirit festival

Societe General Kids Rugby Spirit Festival is a charity programme organised in partnership with ChildFund (Australia), World Rugby's charity partner for Rugby World Cup (RWC) 2019.

It allows underprivileged kids for Societe Generale's supported charities, across the Asia Pacific and other selected locations covering 68 nations to experience the 'once in a liftime' RWC 2019 in Japan.

The Festival will enable the youths to benefit from a cultural exchange programme and educational workshops, take part in a tag Rugby Tournament, and attend together the 1st semi-final of RWC 2019 on Oct.26.

Dadagiri begins at BCCI

Sourav Ganguly taking over as the 39th President of the BCCI during its Annual General Meeting in Mumbai today.

Mumbai, Oct. 23- One of India's most decorated captains Sourav Ganguly, affectionately known as *Dada* (meaning "elder brother" in Bengali), took over as the 39th President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) during its Annual General Meeting in Mumbai today. The election also means that the 33-month reign of Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) came to an end.

Ganguly

Ganguly is a unanimous choice for BCCI President's post with Jay Shah, Union Home Minister Amit Shah's son, taking charge as Secretary and Mahim Verma of Uttarakhand as the new Vice-President.

Former BCCI President and current Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur's younger brother Arun Dhumal will be the new Treasurer and Kerala's Jayesh George is the Joint Secretary.

The former Indian skipper will have a curtailed tenure of around nine months as he would need to demit office by the end of July 2020. This will be in consonance with the provisions of BCCI's new Constitution which makes 'Cooling-Off' period mandatory after six years in office.

4th Elite U-15 Chess Tourney

Chowdary wins title

Mysuru, Oct.23- K.P. Chowdary with 6.5 points from seven rounds clinched the title in the 4th Elite U-15 Chess Tournament 2019, held at Learner's PU College premises in city on Oct.19.

FINAL PLACINGS — 1. K.P. Chowdary (6.5), 2. Siddhanth P. Vashist (6-30.5), 3. M.N. Eshanvi (6-29.5), 4. Nivaan Raghavendra (6-28), 5. Sharadhi Shastry (6-27.5), 6. B. Nimish Raj (5.5-27.25), 7. I. Kalal (5.5-22), 8. G. Akshay (5-30), 9. Ashvath Ram (5-28), 10. Dhrithi Madhusudhan (5-26.5), 11. Yashika R. Joshi (5-26), 12. Dhatri Umesh (5-25).

Men's Tennis: UoM finishes runner-up

Bengaluru, Oct.23- Jain University, Bengaluru, beat University of Mysore (UoM) 3-0 in the finals and emerged as the champions in the South Zone Inter-University Men's Tennis Tournament 2019-20 which concluded at the Jain University courts in Bengaluru on Sunday.

University of Mysore secured the second-place. Jain University, Bengaluru, University of Mysore, University of Madras and Anna University have qualified to take part in the All-India Inter-University Men's Tennis Championships 2019-20 to be held in Pune in January, 2020.

SCORES

Adil Kalyanpur bt C. Vasisht 6-2, 6-2; Nikit Reddy bt G. Manish 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; Nikit Reddy/ Adil Kalyanpur bt C. Vasisht/G. Manish 6-2, 6-3.

Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational Golf Tournament 2019

Chandigarh's Ajeetesh Sandhu triumphs

Chandigarh, Oct.23- Chandigarh's Ajeetesh Sandhu pipped Delhi's Rashid Khan in a photo-finish, much to the delight of the home crowd on the final day of the Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational Golf Tournament 2019, presented by Take Solutions, which concluded here on Sunday.

Ajeetesh Sandhu (66+69+67+66) and Rashid Khan (71+64+67+66), joint leaders after round three, headed for a play-off after ending up with identical total of 20-under-268.

Ajeetesh triumphed in a marathon play-off which lasted for four extra holes, and won the title and cash prize of Rs.24,24,750.

Rashid Khan secured the second place. Karandeep Kochhar of Chandigarh took the third place at 17-under-271. Kolkata's Divyanshu Bajaj finished fourth at 13-under-275 and Chandigarh's duo of Aadil Bedi and Akshay Sharma took joint fifth position at 12-under-276.

Mysuru boy fares well: Mysuru lad M.S. Yashas Chandra of JWGC fared well and with a four-day aggregate score of 1-over-279 secured the 39th place and took home a cash prize of Rs.1,08,750.

U-15 Open Chess Tourney in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct.23- Mysore Chess Club, Mysuru, has organised a Open Chess Tournament for boys and girls in the age group of 15 years (born on or before 1.1.2005) at Gopalaswamy Shishuvihar Institutions, near Nanjumalige Circle, Lakshmipuram, tomorrow (Oct.24).

Players should carry their Chess Set and Date of Birth Certificate for the tournament.

Interested may contact Club Hon. Secretary K.G. Jayaprakash on Mob: 98805-47121, for registration.

Mysore Races cancelled

Mysuru, Oct.23- Due to persistent overnight rains and inclement weather rendering the Race Track not conducive for racing, the Stewards of the Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited, have decided to cancel the Seventeenth Day of the Mysore Races 2019, scheduled to be held today (Oct.23).

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Plea to asphalt Maruthi Temple Road in T.K. Layout

The Maruthi Temple Road in T.K. Layout is in a bad condition and needs immediate attention. The road has potholes which are filled with rain water making it difficult for motorists to notice them. Residents say that the potholes are in a place where there are no streetlights which may result in major mishaps. Even the footpath is on one side of the road, they alleged. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to asphalt the road or at least cover the potholes for the benefit of the public.

Cover the potholes on Ramabai Nagar-Gorur Main Road

Huge potholes on the road connecting Gorur Main Road from Ramabai Nagar Ring Road is posing danger to motorists. Public say that though this is a bus route and traffic on this road is busy, the authorities have turned a blind eye towards it causing a lot of inconvenience to the public. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to cover the huge potholes at the earliest.

Technical snag hits services at North Sub-Registrar Office

Mysuru, Oct.23 (SBD&DM)- Services at the Mysuru North Sub-Registrar's Office in the city has been badly hit for the past one week due to a technical glitch, thus causing severe inconvenience to the public.

The North Sub-Registrar's Office is located in the Mini Vidhana Soudha. Due to a technical snag in the Hard Disc of the computer, no work related to registrations is going on at this Office for the past eight days. The Office staff have put up a notice regretting the inconvenience caused to the public.

With work badly affected, the staff are facing a barrage of questions from members of the public who sought to know when the computer system will get right. But the staff do not have answers on when the fault will be rectified and the system is restored.

The technical glitch has resulted in severe inconvenience to the residents of Alanahalli, Bogadi, Basavanahalli, Bandipalya, Belavatha, Chamundi Hill, Chowdahalli, Hinkal, Hootagalli, Kesare, Kukkarahalli, Kurubarahalli, Kyathamaranahalli, Sathagalli, Mandakalli and other areas coming under the North Sub-Registrar's Office jurisdiction. The helpless people are cursing the authorities for their plight, wondering when their woes would end. Even today scores of people were seen returning disappointed.

MLA inaugurates MCC's Drinking Water Plant in Agrahara

Mysuru, Oct.23 (US)- A new Pure Drinking Water Plant established by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), opposite Vidyabharathi Kalyana Mantap on Uttaradi Mutt Road in Agrahara, coming under Ward 51, was inaugurated by MLA S.A. Ramdas on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said that the ground water too had become polluted at certain places and regretted that the residents were deprived of potable water. He said that the new Plant would be a boon to the residents.

Corporator B.V. Manjunath said MCC envisages to establish three more such Plants in the Ward to cater to needs of residents. MCC Engineer Bhaskar, VVWW Engineer Vinay Kumar and Ward BJP President Gururaj Shenoy were present.

Radio-collared tusker from TN creates havoc in Bandipur

- Attacks two villagers; gores to death two cows
- To be captured and sent to Sakkrebailu Camp

Gundlupet, Oct. 23 (SOMG& BCT)- A radio-collared wild tusker from Tamil Nadu attacked two persons, including a farmer and a villager on the outskirts of Bandipur Tiger Reserve yesterday. The injured — Siddaiah and Swamy from Hangala village in Gundlupet taluk — have been admitted to hospitals in Mysuru and their condition is said to be stable.

The elephant charged towards the youth, who was trying to click a selfie with the animal from close quarters. The incident took place near a pond in Hangala village where the elephant was relaxing. Seeing a radio collar around its neck, the youth thought that it was a tamed elephant.

Seeing villagers and the youth, the jumbo stormed out of the pond and attacked a 50-year-old Siddaiah who was grazing cattle nearby, after chasing away the youth and his four friends who were attempting to take a selfie. In the process, the elephant lifted 30-year-old Swamy with its trunk and flung him to the ground.

Two cows were also gored to death by the tusker. The elephant had been captured near Dharmapuri in Tamil Nadu, radio-collared and released in Mudumalai National Park by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department after it was involved in similar incidents in the neighbouring State.

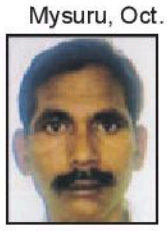
The authorities were radio-tracking it regularly. However, it was spotted near Hangala, between Bandipur and Gundlupet town yesterday. The elephant took the path from Hundipura, Shivapura, Skandagiri and Parvathamba Hill range.

The elephant travelled from Mudumalai to Bandipur and strayed into human habitation. The Karnataka Forest officials were informed by the Tamil Nadu Forest officials that they had lost contact with the elephant a few days ago owing to a battery issue in the tracking collar.

"The jumbo is moving around the village and we're keeping tabs on its movement," said Bandipur Project Tiger Director T. Balachandra. Last month, the same tusker had killed one person from Tamil Nadu in Hosur. After this, the elephant was tranquillised and radio collar was fixed around its neck before releasing it back into the forest.

He revealed that Chief Wildlife Warden has given permission to capture the elephant and shift it to Sakkrebailu elephant camp near Shivamogga. "The jumbo has been tracked and four tamed elephants led by Abhimanyu, will join the operation to confine the wild elephant from Wednesday (today). Our people are keeping a close watch," he added.

Jail inmate dies at Hospital



Ramaraj

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (MK&KS)- An inmate of Mysore Central Prisons, who was serving life sentence and admitted to Jayadeva Hospital following chest pain on Monday, has breathed his last at the Hospital.

The deceased is Ramaraj (45), a native of Padri Bazaar in Gorakhpur district of Uttar Pradesh.

Ramaraj complained of dizziness and chest pain on Oct. 21, following which the Prison authorities admitted him to Jayadeva Hospital, where he passed away. As a Court in Channarayapatna had sentenced him to life imprisonment on Aug. 16, 2014, he was serving the sentence in City Jail.

Since his relatives could not be located, the Police have urged the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Mandi Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418313/513 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Dilapidated house collapses

Mysuru, Oct. 23 (RK&KS)- Following continuous rain in city, the wall of a dilapidated house at Sunnadakeri here collapsed in the wee hours of yesterday.

The house belongs to one Shivaprasad. As the house was in a bad shape no one was residing in there.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) officials and staff visited the spot and conducted mahazar. K.R. Police too conducted an inspection.

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 23- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

B.M. Srinagar 1st, 2nd and 3rd Main, Karakushalanagar, Ring Road, Ayyappaswamy Temple Road, FCI Godown, Indian Oil Corporation, Bharat Petroleum, Railway Goods Shed and surrounding areas.

N.R. Mohalla, Sonia Gandhi Layout, Kalpavruksha Nagar, Moovibh Nagar, Kesare 3rd Stage, Pushpashrama and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation.

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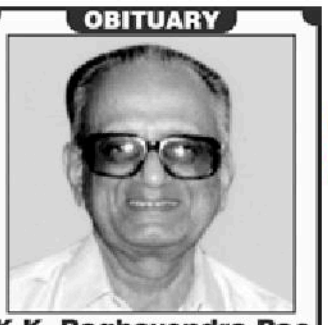

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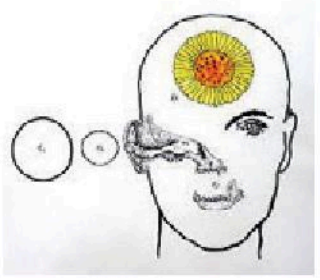
WORD OF THE DAY

Idée fixe

Pronunciation: ee-day-FEEKS.



Meaning: An idea that dominates one's mind especially for a prolonged period : obsession.

Origin: The term idée fixe is a 19th-century French coinage. French writer Honoré de Balzac used it in his 1830 novella Gobseck to describe an obsessive idea. By 1836, Balzac's more generalised use of the term had carried over into English, where idée fixe was embraced as a clinical and literary term for a persistent preoccupation or delusional idea that dominates a person's mind. Although it is still used in both psychology and music, nowadays idée fixe is also applied to milder and more pedestrian obsessions.

Example: "Though it takes a shocking turn toward the horrific, [Flannery O'Connor's] 'Wise Blood' is in fact a comedy of aberrant humors, in which every character is driven by a compulsive idée fixe." — David Ansen.

THE ODD WORD

Ianthine

Violet-coloured.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I have not slept one wink

Meaning: I have not slept at all.

Origin: The notion of getting not even a single moment's sleep has been in the language since the 14th century. Robert Manning of Brunne, in his work Handlyng synne, 1303, records the phrase in Middle English:
"Ne mete ete, ne drank drynke, Ne slepte onely a-lepy wynke."
In language that is a little more accessible to most readers in the 21st century we have Shakespeare's use of the idea in Cymbeline, 1611: PISANIO:
O gracious lady,
Since I received command to do this business
I have not slept one wink.

QUOTE BOX

Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight. — **Phyllis Diller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the picture rebus:

Answer: Tickled pink.

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3	6	9	8	5	2	7	4	1
1	7	4	3	6	9	2	8	5
2	8	3	6	1	4	9	5	7
7	9	5	2	8	3	4	1	6
4	1	6	5	9	7	8	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

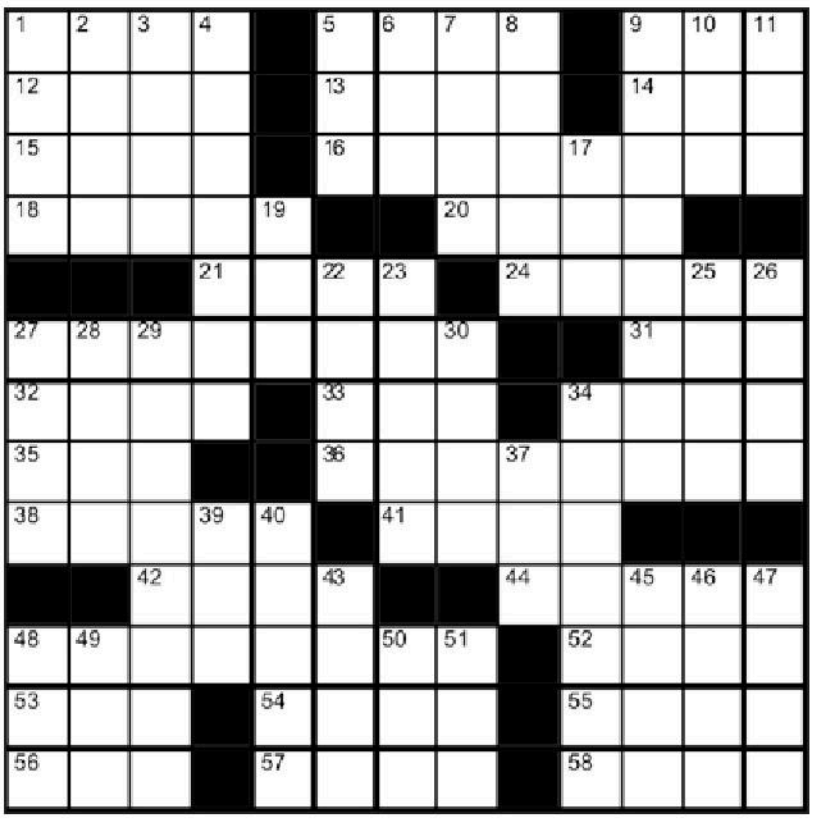
1 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
5 Indian monarch or king
9 Soc. of Auto. Engrs.
12 Drink made with honey
13 Eve's hubby
14 Pamela's petname
15 Black-marketeer
16 Indecent; shameless
18 Scatter about
20 ___-a-brac:thingsoflittlevalue
21 Quantity of paper
24 Mrs. Peron of Argentina
27 Upset
31 The possessive case of "we"
32 Ex-India batsman Pravin ___
33 Air Data Comp.
34 Football kick
35 SA river ___ Grande
36 Thick sugary syrup
38 Dam, embankment against river floods
41 Urban area
42 Fitzgerald of scat
44 Dull continuous pains
48 Advances, upgrades or improves
52 Harm by changing "Ruth"
53 Lump
54 Smallest possible amount?
55 A sea-grit territory
56 Observation, in short - "Sob" anagram?
57 Made a different colour
58 Gnaw at or masticate?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	R	L		O	W	N		E	A	S	T
T	H	A	I		R	H	O		C	L	I	O
A	S	H	T	R	A	Y	S		H	E	N	S
			M	A	N		E	P	O	C	H	S
S	Y	R	U	P		I	D	L	E			
L	E	I	S		A	N	O	U	S	H	K	A
A	T	N		C	L	A	U	S		E	N	D
V	I	G	I	L	A	N	T		P	R	O	D
			P	U	R	E		C	L	A	W	S
A	N	T	H	E	M		A	H	A			
L	O	G	O		I	N	C	E	N	S	E	S
E	R	I	N		S	O	H		E	P	E	E
S	A	F	E		T	E	E		T	A	L	C

DOWN

1 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
2 Ninth month, abbr.
3 They need combing!
4 Harmful, unfavourable
5 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
6 Admiral, abbr.
7 Side post of doorway
8 Love - French style
9 Plausible, fair-seeming
10 Assoc in App Science
11 Amb. attendant
17 Roman 504
19 3rd century Chinese dynasty
22 K Asif's magnum opus Mughal-e-___
23 A French wine
25 A piano may be out of it
26 Skilled professions
27 ___ Lewis : famous American athlete?
28 Female friend from France?
29 Adages; axioms
30 651 in Roman numerals
34 Clairvoyant
37 One __ _ time : singly (2,1)
39 Connecticut collegian
40 Spanish hero and old time movie? (2,3)
43 ___ land : a nautical call?
45 ___ up : keep secret?
46 Mystery writer___ Stanley Gardener
47 Food cooked slowly in a casserole
48 Freudian term
49 Slang for a wealthy person
50 French season
51 Miserable



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XCUUTH QEH CY RFHW AKG'OH XHP YK XQWA IHKITH PFQP HOHVA

WHR IHVYKW AKG XHHP VHXCWUY AKG KM YKXHKWH HTYH.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bharaate	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Adhyaksha in America	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Savarna Deergha Sandhi	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Ellidde Illi Tanaka	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Kurukshetra	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Pailwaan	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
HINDI			
P Se Pyaar F Se Faraar	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Laal Kaptaan	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
War	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Syeraa Narasimha Reddy	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Asuran	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Namma Veettu Pillai	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
----	Uma	2520009	4 Shows

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Joker (E)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 4.25 pm
War (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Zombieland : 2 Double Tap (E)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
Bharaate (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm
Gantumoote (K)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Savarna Deergha Sandhi (K)	(S-2)	7.20 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Jallikattu (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Kiss (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Laal Kaptaan (H)	(S-3)	1.25 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Raju Gari Gadhi 3 (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Adhyaksha In America (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm
The Sky Is Pink (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (E-3D)	(S-4)	7.30 pm, 9.55 pm

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War (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 3.55 pm
Bharaate (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-2)	12.30 pm, 6.30 pm
Laal Kaptaan (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Maleficent : Mistress Of Evil (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm
Savarna Deergha Sandhi (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm, 6.45 pm
Zombieland : 2 Double Tap (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Joker (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 3.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Raju Gari Gadhi 3 (Te)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Ghost (H)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
Gantumoote (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Aadya Rathri (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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Bharaate (K)	8.55 am, 12.20 pm
	6.35 pm, 9.40
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (E-3D)	10.25 am, 1.05 pm, 7 pm
Zombieland 2: Double Tap (E)	10.25 am, 4.20 pm
Kiss (K)	12.45 pm
Operation Gold Fish (Te)	1.35 pm
Savarna Deergha Sandhi (K)	3.45 pm, 10.00 pm
Asuran (Ta)	4.10 pm
War (H)	6.40 pm
Raju Gari Gadhi 3 (Te)	7.10 pm
Edakkad Battalion 06 (Ma)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Liquor bottles turn into artifacts

Mysuru, Oct.23 (MTY&US)- When people consume liquor and throw the bottles indiscriminately and negligently, here is a wise and intelligent person from Bengaluru, who is artistically converting used liquor bottles to attractive artifacts and colourful decorative objects to adorn houses.

Meet **Gajendra,** a resident of Indiranagar in Bengaluru, who is believed to be the only artist of this kind in the State.

Gajendra drew the attention of all at his stall at the 'Mysuru-in-a-Market' organised on Sunday at Scouts and Guides Grounds here where he had put up for sale many items he had crafted from old liquor bottles.

A group of people pick up used liquor bottles thrown at tourist spots, near forests and other places and sell then to *gujari* (scrap dealers).

Gajendra buys the bottles of various sizes and shapes at the *gujari* and heats them at a high temperature of upto 1000^0c with an equipment at home. He converts the softened glass to required shapes.

Having participated at several exhibitions in the country Gajendra's collection include watches, flower pots, vases, bird enclosure, bowls, trays and mementoes priced in the range of Rs.350 to Rs.600.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* Gajendra said that he was upset seeing liquor bottles thrown here and there and wanted to do something from the bottles. "I learnt the art of heating the glass and making useful articles from one Ramson of Kerala. I purchased an equipment to heat the glass bottles to high temperatures and have been in the trade for the last 13 years. I have a regular shop at Indiranagar in Bengaluru which is doing a good business."

"Also a few people bring bottles and get the artifact of their choice done. The product is highly power consuming and hence priced accordingly," he explained.

Advocate Kavita Kale appreciated the artwork which also cleanses the environment making best use of used liquor bottles. She said that people should learn a lot from this and stop littering waste everywhere.

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 23)

Artz Gallery: Expo and Workshop on Mysuru Traditional Paintings by M.S. Anand, Artz Gallery, Gokulam, **up to 7 pm.**

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): Bombe Mane, an expo of dolls from across India, Pratima Gallery, #91, above Amarapalli Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 7.30 pm.**

Kavyaranjani Sabha: G. Ramachandraiah and Gowramma Memorial Kavya Vaachana Vyakyaana, Kavya - Nityatma Shukayogiya 'Kannada Bhagavata,' Vaachana - Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra, Vyakyaana - Dr. Jyoti Shankar, No.1315/2, 'Haripriya,' 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 24)

Department of Studies (DoS) in Mathematics, University of Mysore (UoM): 10th Professor S.V. Keshava Hedge Memorial Endowment Lecture in Mathematics by Prof. Bruce C. Berndt, Department of Mathematics, University of Illinois, Urbana, USA, Prof. Bhargava, retd. Professor and Chairman of DoS in Mathematics, UoM, guest of honour, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, presides, Srinivasa Ramanujam Block, DoS in Mathematics, Manasagangothri, **10 am.**

Ramsons Kala Pratishtana (RKP): Bombe Mane, an expo of dolls from across India, Pratima Gallery, #91, above Amarapalli Saree Store, Nazarbad Main Road, **10 am to 7.30 pm.**

Mysuru City and District Freedom Fighters Association, Subbarayanakere: 73rd anniversary of Mysore Chalo Movement, Association President Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy presides, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, former Mayor Ananth and Corporator Prameela Bharat chief guests, Jatha, **10.30 am;** Stage programme, Freedom Fighters Memorial Hall in Subbarayanakere, **11.30 am.**

Prof. C.P. Siddhashrama Felicitation Committee, Mysuru: Felicitation to Prof. C.P. Siddashrama, senior scholar and poet Prof. Ramegowda (Ragow) inaugurates, scholar and linguist Prof. Lakshminarayana Arora chief guest, senior writer B. Shamasundar presides, Tumkur University VC Prof. K.N. Ganganayak welcomes and delivers keynote address, Dr. J. Lohit comperes, **10.30 am;** Session-1, **12 noon;** Session-2, **2.15 pm;** Felicitation to Prof. C.P. Siddashrama and Shakuntala Siddashrama, book release — 'Bayala Aalaya' and 'Arivina Beragu' — by senior writer Prof. Gurulinga Kapase, releasing of felicitation volume 'Harigolu' by Dr. Ragow, felicitation address by Dr. M.S. Anita, Prof. University of Mysore VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Prof. N.M. Talawar delivers introductory address, Dr. P. Mani comperes, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

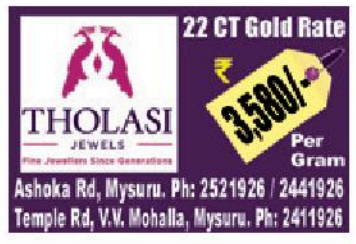
Artz Gallery: Expo and Workshop on Mysuru Traditional Paintings by M.S. Anand, Artz Gallery, Gokulam, **11 am to 7 pm.**

Karnataka State Finance Corporation (KSFC), Mysuru branch: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's 128th birth anniversary celebrations, KSFC Head Office Deputy General Manager (DGM) N. Venkatesh inaugurates, Branch Office DGM Gopal Bayari presides, KSOU's Department of Ancient-History and Archaeology Chairperson Dr. Shalvapille Iyengar and KSFC Internal Audit Department Asst. General Manager T.R. Gangadharaswamy chief guests, Branch office, **11.30 am.**

DoS in Philosophy, Swami Vivekananda Chair, University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri: Valedictory of two-day National Seminar on 'The Spiritual Flow of Dharma, Culture and Patriotism in the thought of Swami Vivekananda,' Kannada Professor K. Anantharamu delivers valedictory address, Ramakrishna Institute of Moral and Spiritual Education (RIMSE) Correspondent Swami Shivakantanandaji presides, Dr. Yellambalse Ananthanarayana of Savitribai Phule Pune University chief guest, Swami Vivekananda Chair Visiting Professor V.N. Sheshagiri Rao will be present, EMMRC, Manasagangothri, **4 pm.**

T. Narayanashastry Pratishtana, Mysuru and Vedanta Bharati, K.R. Nagar: Soudaryalahari Parayana, **3 pm to 4 pm;** Stage programme, retd. Biology Professor Vatsala Nagaraja Rao presides, discourse on 'Soundaryalahariyalli Bhaktidhare' by Dr. Jayashri Chandrashekar (Head, Chiranjivi Yoga Kendra and Chetana Mahila Samaja, Mysuru), Ganesha auditorium, #854, Panchamantra Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Durga Saptashati,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**



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